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1. The series of political indoctrination lectures for German economics experts employed by SMA was continued. Major Romm was dispatched by Colonel Tulpanov to deliver the lecture.
2. Romm gave the usual Communist interpretation of the present political situation within Germany. He stated that the Volkskongress is the first phase in an important revolutionary movement.
3. Romm stated that the USSR is ready to form a united front of East European nations against the West. The ministers of all the satellite countries have expressed their willingness to enter a mutual defense alliance. Negotiations with the Scandinavian countries are difficult because they still cling to their connections with the western powers; however, capable men have been given the task of gaining their cooperation. The first step is to negotiate trade agreements and the USSR is ready to make any concessions in order to achieve this. The second step - political alliances - will then be easy. Russian agents in Scandinavia will take any necessary action to disrupt relations with the West, not hesitating before agitation and riots. Already reactionary officials in Finland are being replaced by persons who guarantee further good cooperation with the USSR.
4. During the discussion period after his lecture, Major Romm said that no government is planned for the Russian Zone. In the event that western Germany receives a separate government, the Russian Zone will be treated as a province attached to the USSR economically. In answer to other questions, Romm said that if Germany is divided, reliable Germans from the Russian Zone will be allowed to emigrate to Poland. As a safeguard for Poland, no German farmers would be allowed to return to their former holdings East of the Oder and no Germans will be allowed to fill any important posts in the Polish government.
5. Romm stated that he considers the battle in Greece solely as a struggle for control of the Dardanelles. The question of Iranian oil is only secondary.

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